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ATTN MIM KELBER

E.O. 11652:

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL THOUGHT AND GREAT INTERNAL
CONFLICT, I HAVE DECIDED I MUST RESIGN EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24. MY LAST DAY OF ACTIVE DUTY WILL BE SEPTEMBER 16
AND I WILL BE ON LEAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24.

I HAVE CONCLUDED SINCE RETURNING FROM VACATION THAT I SIMPLY
DON'T HAVE THE STAMINA TO FACE THE STRESSES THAT WILL IN-
EVITABLY BE PLACED ON THE STAFF FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS. ALSO
I WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME ON THE ERA, PARTICULARLY IN
VIRGINIA.

AS INDICATED IN MY EARLIER LETTER, I REMAIN DEEPLY COMMITTED
TO THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WILL BE WIL-
LING TO WORK AS A CONSULTANT ON ANY PROJECT WHERE I CAN BE
USEFUL.

I APPRECIATE MORE THAN YOU KNOW YOUR VERY GENEROUS PRAISE
OF MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMISSION IN THE PAST. COMPLI-
MENTS FROM ONE WHOSE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE AS GREAT AS YOURS ARE
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DOUBLY VALUED.

YOU HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS IN ALL YOU UNDERTAKE.

CATHERINE EAST
COORDINATOR, POLICIES AND PLANS
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